

“Don’t build roads that just open up more land to development. Land use decisions need to reflect our values for protection of environment.”

- San Diego workshop attendee

**CALIFORNIA  
TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN 2025**

*Development Schedule*

**FALL 2001  
DRAFT PLAN & POLICY REVIEW**

Newsletter - What we heard during the Summer  
Draft California Transportation Plan  
Review by Advisory Committee  
Circulate to Stakeholders & Participants  
Policy Advisory Summit - November

**WINTER/SPRING 2002  
PUBLIC REVIEW & COMMENT**

Brochure summarizing final Draft Plan  
Circulate Final Draft Plan for review & comment  
Public Hearings  
Document & incorporate comments  
Submit Plan for approval

**DECEMBER 2001**

Semi-Final Draft Plan Submitted to  
Administration for Review & Comment

**Completion  
JUNE 2002**

# Steering the Way

TO OUR TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

**California Transportation Plan Newsletter - Winter 2001 - Volume 1 - Issue 1**

## Your vision of transportation in 2025

In spring 2001 the California Department of Transportation (Department) set out to develop a long-

range transportation plan that reflects Californians’ concerns for future mobility. We asked you, *Tell us ... Where do we go from here?* Your response and participation was enthusiastic. Whether it was attending a conference, participating in a focus group or workshop, completing questionnaires and comment cards, responding to a phone survey, or submitting comments via e-mail, your comments and concerns were heard and influenced the vision for California’s future transportation system.



California Department of Transportation  
Director Jeff Morales, at the Futures  
Conference, June 2001

### Transportation Futures Conference

The California Transportation Plan’s (CTP), public participation program was launched with a two-day statewide conference designed to explore important trends impacting travel behavior in California over the next twenty-five years. This conference engaged policy makers, planners, and community leaders in analyzing strategies that serve the needs of our diverse population.

We asked conference attendees, “If you were in charge of transportation in California, what is the most important step you would take?” The top three responses were:

- Decrease traffic congestion and increase transportation options.
- Direct more resources to public transportation.
- Improve coordination among transportation agencies to support an efficient transportation system.



“Estimates predict that we have 50 years of economically feasible supplies of petroleum. If this is true, we will definitely be feeling the pinch by 2025. With the ever increasing cost to own a motor vehicle, there will be a growing population of underserved citizens.”

- Sacramento workshop attendee



Customer Survey

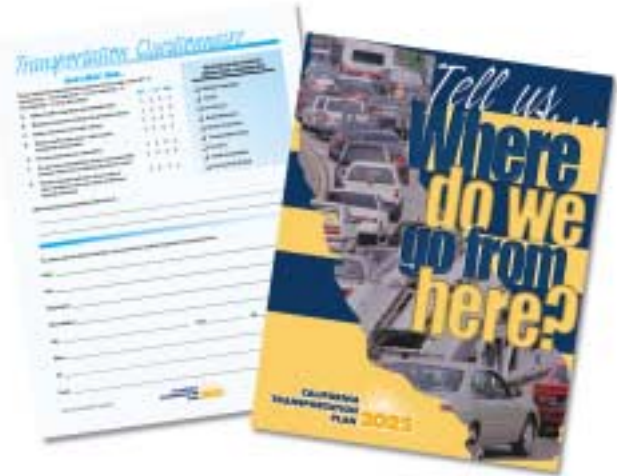
We conducted a two-part customer survey in Spring 2001. We talked to more than 500 individuals in 54 focus groups statewide. These groups included people from all walks of life: pre-teens, seniors, low income individuals, minority groups, disabled, Native Americans, business and shipping representatives, the homeless, land management agencies and emergency services providers. We conducted forums for Spanish speakers and Mandarin speakers. The phone survey resulted in 3,220 completed responses statewide. The survey was conducted in English, Spanish, Asian languages and transcribed for the hearing and speech impaired to allow for diverse participation.

Respondents said they wanted:

- A safe and reliable transportation system.
- Convenient transportation choices.
- Transportation information to make informed decisions.
- Increased driver education to improve safety on the roads.

“There are several options to choose, such as ferry, Bart, Caltrain, etc. But to connect from one means of transportation to the other is still extremely inconvenient. This discourages people from fully taking advantage of utilizing all types of transportation.”

- Mandarin-speaking focus group



Brochure

During the Summer 2001, over 22,000 brochures and questionnaires *Tell us ... Where do we go from here?* were distributed at fairs, workshops, meetings, and newspapers inserts. The brochure introduced the California Transportation Plan and provided the public with an opportunity to rank their transportation priorities. The brochure/questionnaire was made available in English, Spanish, Asian languages, and Braille.

District 5 Goes to the Mid-State Fair!!!

In July and August, District 5 partnered with Amtrak to sponsor an information booth at the Mid-State Fair. An Amtrak round-trip ticket from San Luis Obispo to San Diego was raffled among over 450 fairgoers who completed a California Transportation Plan brochure questionnaire.



“You need to build more roads and freeways, widen existing freeways, double deck freeways, better off and on ramps to freeways.”

- Anaheim workshop attendee

Workshops

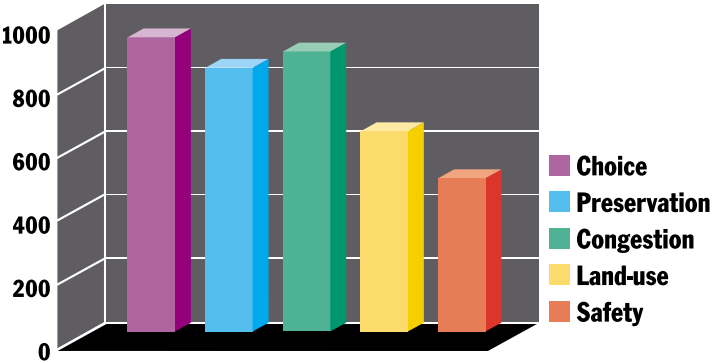
Over 1000 participants attended a total of 24 workshops held throughout the state. Participants were presented with eight transportation issues to initiate discussion and were encouraged to explore how transportation affects their community. Comment cards were distributed to participants to allow them the opportunity to share additional ideas or concerns.



“The car poses a major threat to the ecosystem and our health.”

- Anaheim workshop attendee

Most Frequent Response on Transportation Issues



What's Next

Considering your comments, advice received from transportation experts, and trends and demographic forecasts, we will draft a California Transportation Plan. We will release the Plan for public review and comment in Spring 2002 and coordinate a second round of public outreach. Our target is to deliver the plan to the Governor by Summer 2002.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in Braille, large print, audiocassette, or computer disk.

This newsletter is also available in Spanish, Cantonese, and Vietnamese.

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